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This response responds to the Office Action October 19, 2001 (Paper No. 11).

Concurrently filed with this response is a Petition for Extension of Time for a Three Month Period and a Notice of Appeal.

REMARKS

This response responds to the Office Action dated October 19, 2001 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Applicants acknowledge the objections to the drawings by the PTO draftsperson.

The formal drawings will be prepared upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

Concurrently filed with this response are copies of four documents providing definitions of a EIB and VTMOS. In particular, Appendix 1 shows an article by the inventors defining an EIB. Appendix 2 is an article by *Kuroda et al.* in which a VTCMOS